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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Thurſday Auguſt 29, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, Auguſt 24.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from Holland.

Amſterdam, Auguſt 29.

THEY write from Hanover, That when M. Peſters had Audience of the King of Great Britain, he repreſented to his Majeſty the Neceſſity of oppoſing the Eſtabliſhment of an India Company in the Auſtrian Netherlands, as being directly contrary to divers Treaties, particularly that of the Barrier, of which, 'tis ſaid, his Majeſty is Guarrantee. The King returned him a moſt gracious Anſwer, and promiſed to make good all his Engagements.

Peterſburg, Auguſt 9. Yeſterday arrived here from Revel, our Monarch, where his Fleet is ſtill, detain'd by contrary Winds, but will ſail for Cronſlot aſſoon as poſſible.

Vienna, Auguſt 18. The Turks diſcovet an Inclinatiou to make War with the Emperor, and if ſome Articles which are handed about here, and ſaid to have been propoſed by the Porte to the Czar, are genuine, they forebode no Good either to the Houſe of Auſtria or the Kingdom of Poland.

London, Auguſt 24. The Tranſfer Books for Bank Stock will be ſhut from the 11th of September to the 11th of October following, for the Dividend.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 108, 3 4ths. Bank, 121, 1 4th. India, 231, 1 half. African, 11, 3 8ths. York Buildings, 9, 5 8ths.

From the Weekly Journal, Auguſt 24.

By Letters from Gibraltar and Portmahon, we are informed, That the Engliſh Garriſons of theſe Places ſeem a little alarmed at ſome ſecret Preparations of the Spaniards, and that they are putting the Fortifications in a better Poſture of Defence.

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From the Evening Poſt.

Tripoli, June 12. Our Regency ſeems now inclin'd in good Earneſt to conclude a Treaty of Peace with the States General, for that Purpoſe our Vice-chancellor, who has been twice at the Court of France with the Character of Envoy, has been appointed by our Bey to go to the Hague with the like Character. 'Tis likewiſe talked that there is ſome probability of a Peace between us and the Venetians, which, if ſo, will be the firſt we ever made with that Republic. We have received Advice, that ſome of our Corſairs, particularly our Vice-admiral, have been taken by the Cruizers of Malta, which Loſs is not like to be made up by the Prizes brought in here this Year, for they conſiſt only of three Italian Barks of very ſmall Value.

Vienna, Auguſt 15. 'Tis now confidently reported, that the Empreſs is with Child

Paris, Auguſt 28. Monſieur de Setez, a Member of the Royal Academy of Painting has repreſented in two Capital Pictures the Deſolation of the City of Marſeilles, as occaſioned by the late Contagion, and expoſed them for Money, to publick View; whereupon the ſaid Academy have ſtruck his Name out of the Regiſters. The King has granted the India Company the Profit of Coinage of the Bullion of Silver lately imported by them. We hear the Duke of Orleans has made choiſe of M. Fagon, to aſſiſt him in the Affair of the Finances; and that it is for this Reaſon, That the ſaid Gentleman reſign'd the Place he had in the Council of the Indies. The Elector of Treves, was to eſpouſe on the 26th Inſtant, at Breſlaw in Sileſia, the Princeſs Sobieski, in the Name and as Proxy for the Prince de Furene. On the 20th Inſtant, the Officers of the Marſhalſea of Paris, brought to la Marque (a Place in this City, where unknown Perſons that come to an untimely Death are expoſed to publick View) the Body of a Man they found hang'd on a Tree, much mutilated. The Aſſembly of the Clergy broke up the 27th. This Day their Deputies are to go to Verſailles, and To-morrow take their Leave of his Majeſty and the Duke of Orleans.

From the Whitehall Poſt.

Conſtantinople, July 16. We have certain Advices, That the new Baſhaw ſent by the Grand Seignior to Bagdad is arrived there, in order to take upon him the Government; and purſuant to his Orders, he began with ſecuring the old Baſhaw, which could not be executed without great Precaution: This being done, he put him immediately in Irons, in order to ſend him hither with a ſtrong Guard. The dethron'd Sophi is ſtill kept there under a ſort of Arreſt. It has been ſignified to him, That he muſt no longer flatter himſelf with Hopes of coming hither, but that he muſt ſtay at Bagdad, and be attended hence forewards by Turkiſh Officers, and by a Guard appointed to wait upon him at Home and Abroad. Mean time 'tis currently reported, That the Porte will come to a Rupture with the Czar; however it be, great Preparations are ſtill making on our Side; Ammunition and Proviſions, &c. have of late been ſent to Aſoph by the Black Sea, where the whole Body encamped there encamped, is employed in carrying on the new Fortifications of that Place.

Peterſburg, July 26. We hear from Moſcow, That the Perſian Ambaſſador is ſet out from thence, with a Retinue of 70 Perſons for this Place. Many Braſs Guns are arrived here from Moſcow for the new launched Ships; three other Men of War are yet upon the Stocks, whoſe Guns are expected from Veronitz. Theſe Ships will likewiſe be launched this Year.

Paris, Auguſt 28. On the 26th the Elector of Treves was to marry the Princeſs of Turenne, Grand Chamberlain of France, after the Deceaſe of his Father the Duke of Bouillon, to the Princeſs of Sobieski at Breſlaw in Sileſia.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Auguſt 23.

Conſtantinople, July 12. The Ambaſſador of Prince Tamas Chach, Son of the dethron'd Sophi, having been arreſted on our Frontiers, has ſent hither two Perſons, to notifie the Contents of his Diſpatches and the Motive of his Embaſſy; which being imparted to the Grand Seignior, a Secret Council has been held

held thereupon; but we know not that any Reſolution has been yet taken. A Report runs, That the Ruſſians have made themſelves Maſters of all Schirvain, as alſo, of all the Coaſt of the Caſpian Sea, as far as the Gulph of Ghilan.

Petersburg, Auguſt 9. Yeſterday at 7 in the Evening, the Emperor returned hither from Revel by Land; the Fleet, which is at Revel, will return to Cronſlot with the firſt fair Wind.

Hanover, Auguſt 24. The Dutch Ambaſſador, ſince his Arrival here, has had ſeveral Conferences with the Lords Townſhend and Carteret, about the Oſtend India Company.

London, Auguſt 24. By Letters from Jamaica 'tis adviſed, That the Value of the Effects on board the Caſſandra, a Pyrate-ſhip, Capt. Taylor Commander, amounts to a Million Sterling; and that the Pyrates had agreed to give the Spaniſh Governor a Million of Pieces of Eight, or 250,000 *L. Sterling*, for their Pardon.

Laſt Week was ſeen floating near Fulham, a dead Corpſe in Man's Cloathing, which the Tide had driven to and fro for ſome Days, which was on Saturday laſt ty'd to a Stake, to prevent its driving off again; and on Sunday was taken up and examined: The Body was found to have four ſeveral Stabs, and prov'd to be a young Woman, young with Child, having a very good Shirt on, and her Head ſhaved as a Man's. The Body was kept unburied ſome Days, and we do not hear that 'tis yet owned.

We hear that Mr. Kelly, who had Notice given him to prepare for his Removal from the Tower to the Iſle of Wight, has petitioned to be continued in the Preſs-yard in Newgate.

This Day the 3d Regiment of Foot Guards was reviewed in Hide Park.

Yeſterday the Coroner's Inqueſt brought in a Verdict of *Wilful-Murder* againſt John Flax, the Cane-chair-maker in Little Turnſtile, who kill'd his Wife, as mentioned in our Laſt; but he is not yet taken.

Laſt Week one of the four Soldiers that broke out of the Savoy, upon which Captain Murphy Keeper thereof was ſuſpended, ſurrendred himſelf, who has diſcovered by what Means they got out, *viz.* That two of the Servants belonging to the foreſaid Captain were brib'd; which Servants were on Wedneſday Morning Seiz'd by the Captain of the Regiment they belong'd to, he having a Warrant for that Purpoſe, they were carried before Juſtice Gore, and were committed to the Gate-Houſe.

Captain Murphy Keeper of the Savoy, is ſuſpended for the Space of ſix Months.

Laſt Monday an Attempt was made to rob the Exchequer, and in Order there to the Rogues, had taken down ſome of the Caſements towards the River; but the Iron Bars being too ſtrong, they had not Time to ſaw thro' them; ſo were prevented, and made off.

An Extract of a Letter from Leominſter, dated Auguſt 21. N. S.

There lives one Lot Newman a Taylor, in a Place called the Moor of Bodinham, in Herefordſhire, within 4 Miles of this Town, who has had a Daughter aged between 15 and 16 Years, who has neither eat nor drunk for theſe 35 Weeks laſt paſt, except two Spoonfuls of Drink in the Week after Whitſuntide; neither hath any Thing been ſeen to come from her all this Time. Doctor Abberly from Hereford, Mr. Baker, Mr Biſhop, Mr. Smith Surgeons of this Town, beſides many Hundreds of People from all Places hereabouts, have been to ſee her, and account it the greateſt Wonder that hath happened this Age; her Face looks indifferent well, but her Body like the Image of Death, being nothing but Skin and Bones.

Laſt Saturday Steven Lynch, the Evidence againſt Mr. Layer, was diſcharged out of the Cuſtody of a Meſſenger.

Mr. John Lyons, who has been confined in Newgate for ſome Months paſt, for writing and publiſhing a Book, entitled, the Infallability of humane Judgment, *&c.* was admitted to Bail laſt Monday, before Charles De la Faye Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of Middleſex.

From the Weekly Journal, Auguſt 24.

They write from the Hague, That they have pretty ſure Intelligence, that ſeveral Foreigners are concerned underhand in the Subſcriptions of the Netherland E. India Company, which Advice is ſuppoſed to come by the Means of Mr. Colebroke, and was perhaps one of the Reaſons of his Papers being ſeized. Nothing that has happened for many Years paſt, has put the States General into ſuch a *Fracas*, they find that no Remonſtrances will prevail upon the Imperial Court, to give the leaſt Check to that Affair. Therefor, they are now upon other Expedients; and we hear a Project is formed at the Hague, for bringing the French and Engliſh into a Deſign of forming a Bond of Triple Alliance, and taking ſome vigorous Meaſures to deſtroy that Company; to this Purpoſe Mynheer Peſters is ſet out for Hanover, and new Inſtructions are ſent to Mynheer Hope the States Miniſter at Paris.

We hear, that the Gentlemen commonly known by the Name of Evidences, being greatly increaſed within theſe few Years, have formed themſelves into Clubs or Societies, deſigning to hold weekly Meetings, in order to conſult upon Affairs for Advancement and Improvement of their Profeſſion; and 'tis ſaid, they have Thoughts of making Contributions for the Support of ſuch Gentlemen, Members of their Society as ſhall be ſuperannuated.

At one of theſe Meetings the other Day, we are told ſome Debates aroſe concerning the Choice of a Prcident, the Candidates were many; the Choice had like to have fell upon Mr. A—— P——, he having a great Party amongſt the French Members of the Society; others again were for Mr. S—— L——. While they were thus divided, Mr. P—— turned the whole Affair by a moſt learned Speech, which he delivered with his accuſtomed Eloquence, tending to perſwade the Members to confer that Dignity according to Seniority, in Conſequence of this, Captain P——r was deſervedly preferr'd to the Honour of the Chair, as being the eldeſt now alive.

The Preſident being ſeated at the Head of a long Table, the Members on each Side, ſuch who had been been convicted of Perjury being placed next the Chair, and the reſt according to their reſpective Merits; the firſt Buſineſs which came before them was, *Whether Informers ſhall be admitted as Members of that Honourable Body*; it was oppoſed by many, becauſe it would let ſuch Numbers of French Hugonots into the Society, that at any Time they might carry a Vote to the great Prejudice of the Body, if the Members ſhould happen to be at any Time corrupted. To this the R—d Mr. P—n replied, That it was a very wild Objection, to ſuppoſe that any Gentleman of their Profeſſion could be corrupted, and that he hoped there was no ſuch Thing as national Prejudice amongſt them, and therefor, he aſſured them, that ſome of the greateſt Men in their Way, had never been more than *Informers*, and produced for Example *Judas Iſcariot*, adding that every Informer was qualified for an Evidence.

This put an End to the Debate, it was immediately reſolved they ſhould be admitted, after this, they made an Order, that the Pictures of all their dead Heroes, ſhould be hung up in their Chambers, accordingly, the Pictures of *Mezzo Tinto* of *Judas Iſcariot*, Dr. *O---s D—ld B—e*, *N—no*, and many others were immediately ſet up.

After this, the R—d Mr. *P*—— preached a Sermon upon the old Text. ——— *Faith is the Evidence of Things not ſeen.* And then they adjourned for a Week.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London Auguſt 24.

THEY write from Copenhagen of the 24th, That their Squadron is returned into that Harbour, in order as is ſuppoſed to be unrigged, and laid up. Mean Time 3 of their large Prahms, with their heavy Guns are to be put into their former Station, near the Fort called Probeſtin, but for what Reaſon is not known. 'Tis diſcourſed, That the Ruſſian Reſi-

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dent in his Propoſals lately made to the King of Denmark, inſiſted, That his Majeſty would give Aſſurances to the Czar his Maſter, not to enter hereafter in any Alliance with ſuch Powers as may become his Enemies, and involve him in a War. And moreover, to give him the Title of Emperor of Great Ruſſia. How far this Miniſter will ſucceed in his Negotiations, time muſt diſcover. Mean while we can hardly believe that the Danes will bring themſelves under ſuch Obligations as to make no Alliances, but what muſt have the Approbation of the Ruſſian Monarch.

All the Letters from Petersburg agree, That the Emperor of Ruſſia, had no other Deſign of putting to Sea with his Fleet, than to ſhew the World ſome Part of his naval Forces, to employ and exerciſe his Ships and Seamen. 'Tis Wonderfull to think, that he, who in our Memory had not a Cock Boat, ſhould now be ſo Formidable at Sea, as upon every Motion with his Fleet to ſtrike Terror in his Neighbours.

The News of the Czar's putting to Sea and the Suſpicion that was entertain'd of his having ſome Deſign upon the Swedes, cauſed our publick Stocks to fall, but upon Advice of his Czariſh Majeſty returning home with his Ships without undertaking any Enterprize: They have ſince riſen very conſiderably, particularly South Sea Stock, which was Yeſterday at 110 and South Sea Annuities at 100 *l. per Cent.*

We have no News from Cambary, but accounts of Treats and Balls given by the French and Spaniſh Plenipotentiaries.

The True Briton publiſhed Yeſterday, ſpeaking of the Oaths to the Government ſays, 'That the Penalty which attends Recuſancy is now a great Motive to Conſideration and Serioufneſs: And if Dr. Hoadly, the late Biſhop of Bangor will 'ſhew how People, who ſwear to ſave their Eſtates, can be ſaid to ſwear in Sincerity; he will do an acceptable Piece of Service to the Female World.'

This Author notwithſtanding what is ſaid of his being brought to Juſtice the next Seſſion of Parliament, and his Printer to be tried upon 5 Informations, continues to write with the ſame Spirit, and 'tis ſtrange to ſee what a Vent there is for his Papers.

We have juſt now receiv'd the following Letter, *viz.*

Boſtoun in New England, June 24. The Men taken by his Majeſty's Ship the Gray-hound, in the Pyrate Sloop called the Ranger, are confined in the Goal at Rhode Iſland; 24 of them are Engliſh and Iriſh, and 6 others are Natives of New-York and Virginia: The Grey-hound is not yet returned from cruizing in Queſt of Lowe the Pyrate, who continues to be very miſchievous and barbarous, having lately taken Captain Frazer in a Sloop from Jamaica, and wounded ſeveral of the Men, and whipt and burned others between the Fingers with Matches to the Bone, and took from the Captain and Paſſengers 1000 Piſtoles.

We hear Repreſentations will be made by his Majeſty to the King of Spain, on Account of the Protection given to the Caſſandra a Pyrate Ship, by the Spaniards at Porto Bello. The Court of Directors of the South Sea Company met Yeſterday, and came to a Reſolution to pay off and cancel all their double Bonds above 200 *L.* unleſs the Proprietors thereof will continue them at 4 *L. per Cent.* Intereſt.

A Holland Mail is juſt come to hand with the following Advices, The Duch Ambaſſador is wholly taken up in conferring with the Lords Townſhend and Carteret at Hanover, touching the Eaſt India Company, whoſe Actions are at 14 per Cent per Annum. It is confirmed that the Queen of Pruſſia is with Child, and that her Majeſty was going to Charlotenburg to make Preparations for the Reception of her Father the King of Great *Britain*. Yeſterday one Mr. John Hammond, a Quaker, reported to be worth 1000 *l.* per Annum, aged about 19 Years, was baptized and chriſtned by the Reverend Mr. Peters, at Clements Church in the Strand.

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*** Loſt upon the 19th Inſtant, betwixt *Pittenweem* and *Colinsbrough*, in the Shire of *Fife*, a large Silver hilted Sword, pretty long Blaid, with a broad Shoulder, a ſteel Hook, Silver Crampet, and ſlip Scabbard, whoever can give Notice thereof to the Author of this Paper, or to *Alexander Pock*, Merchant in *Pettinweem*, Mr. *Colin Bennet* in *Colinsbrough*, or give Information ſo as it may be got back, ſhall have half a Guinea Reward, without asking Queſtions.

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ON Tuesday *the 27th of* August *instant, betwixt* Edinburgh *and* Dauphintoun, *was lost from a Cart, a Pair of Bags or Wallise, made of Selchs Skins, in which there were some Letter Cases, containing several Bills, Accounts and other Papers, usefull to none but the Person to whom they belong, there are also some Books, and other small Things in the said Bags. Any Person who has found or can give Notice of them, so as they may be recovered, may call at* Robert Brown, *Vintner in the Land-Market, at the Sign of the* Spread Eagle, *and they shall have a sufficient Reward for their Pains, without asking Questions.*

¶ These are to give Notice, That the Grammar School of the Royal Burgh of *Inverness* is become Vacant, through the Demission of Mr. *George Steel*, late School Master there, who is gone to his Travels for further Insight; and that the Magistrats and Council of the said Burgh, being Patrons of the said School, having resolved, That the said School, with the Salary and Emoluments thereof shall be given to the most deserving, have appointed that there shall be a comparative Tryal before the Presbytery of *Inverness* of young Men, who shall set up as Candidates for the said School: These are therefore inviting all such as incline to undertake that Office, to repair unto the said Burgh, against the first *Tuesday* of *November* next, and give in their Names with their Testimonials into the foresaid Reverend Presbytery, who no doubt will give their Approbation of him whom they judge best qualified.

THERE *is a Piece of Silver Plate,* 25 *Pound* Sterling *value, set out by several Noblemen and Gentlemen, to be Run for at* Peebles *on the usual Ground, upon the first* Wednesday *of October next, being the* 2*d Day of that Month, by any Horse, Mare or Guelding, each of them to carry eight* Scots *Stone Trois Weight, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part of the Weight: The best in three Heats, each Heat thrice round.*

The Horses which are to run for this Plate being three at least, belonging to several Owners, must be at Peebles *ten Days before the Race, and to be entered there by the Town-Clerk, fourteight Hours before the Course, and the Inputs to be* 6 *Guineas among st them. No Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Judges appointed by the Gentlemen Subscribers for the said Plate.*

The Distance Post is to be ten Score Yards from the starting Post.

The Rider after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing, a Pound for waste.

Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for rubbing.

If any single Horse, Mare or Guelding wins the first two Heats, and if they are challenged by any of the rest who saved their Distance, they are obliged to run again; and if they save their own Distance they win the Race, if distanced they lose it.

If three single Horses win each of them a Heat, the Horse that wins the last Heat wins the Plate.

If any Horse, Mare or Guelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, they are to run back the same Way and run right, or else they are to be adjudged as distanced.

This Plate being lately advertised to be on the last *Wednesday* of *August*; and the Time being too short for Gentlemen and Horses to be ready against that Day it was thought proper to alter the Course to the first *Wednesday* of *October* next.

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